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SUBJECT: OAU AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING

1. THE 26TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ALC CONVENED MORNING OF JAN 19 FOR FIRST OF FOUR DAYS OF CLOSED DELIBERATIONS ON STRATEGIES TO BE FOLLOWED IN LIBERATION OF THE REMAINING AFRICAN AREAS UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION. WEEKEND PRESS REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF OAU SECRETARY GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI AND ALC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HASHIM MBITA, AS WELL AS DELEGATIONS FROM TANZANIA, LIBYA, ZAMBIA, SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, GUINEA AND EGYPT. AMONG LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS SEHEDULED TO PARTICI-
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PATE IN THE MEETINGS ARE THE POPULLAR LEAGUE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE

OF DJIBOUTI, THE PEOPLES ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE SAHARA (POLISARIO), AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (RHODESIA). (PRESS DID NOT INDICATE WHICH ANC FACTIONS HOWEVER.)

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC POINTS ON ALC AGENDA, MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION LIKELY TO CENTER AROUND PROSPECTS FOR RENEWED GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA SHOULD THE CURRENT TALKS BETWEEN SMITH AND NKOMO COLLAPSE. GPRM ALSO HAS SHOWN GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY FOR POLISARIO POSITION AND MAY WELL JOIN ALGERIA AND LIBYA IN PUSHING FOR STRIDENT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA FOR THEIR ACTIONS IN FORMER SPANISH SAHARA. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPT APPRISED OF CONFERENCE INFO AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. CARSON

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